

the State of Iowa, That section 1209, chapter 78, of the Code be so far amended as to read as follows: Thirty days notice in writing is necessary to be given by either party, before he or she can terminate a tenancy at will; but when in any case rent is reserved, payable at intervals of less than thirty days, the length of notice need not be greater than such interval between the days of payment. In case of tenants occupying and cultivating farms, the notice must fix the termination of the tenancy, to take place on the first day of March; *Provided*, That where an express agreement is made, whether the same has been reduced to writing or not, the tenancy shall cease at the time agreed upon without notice.

Notice given to terminate tenancy.

Farmers leave March 1st, unless special agreement made.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved March 12th, 1853.

CHAPTER 50.

JURISDICTION OF JUSTICES.

AN ACT qualifying the Criminal Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the punishment clause in each of the following sections of the Code of Iowa, namely, sections 2597, 2687, 2688, 2716, 2723, 2725, 2717, 2718, 2728, 2730, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2742, 2685, 2719, shall be so changed as to read "shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and not otherwise, in the discretion of the Court.

Code amended.

Imprisonment and fine.

SEC. 2. That section 2612 of the Code of Iowa be so changed as that when the value of the property stolen does not exceed twenty dollars, the punishment shall be by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

The punishment for theft.

SEC. 3. Section 3322 of the Code of Iowa is repealed,

Jurisdiction of Justices defin'd. and Justices of the Peace in their respective counties, have jurisdiction of, and may hear, try and determine all public offences, when the punishment imposed by law does not exceed one hundred dollars fine or thirty days imprisonment.

Code explained. SEC. 4. That part of Chapter 165 of the Code, which is of force only applies to those offences which the magistrate has not by section third of this Act, the jurisdiction to try and determine.

Justice may order information filed. SEC. 5. In proceedings under Chapter 165 of the Code, when it shall appear to the examining magistrate that the offence committed is one which he has jurisdiction to try and determine, he shall, before discharging the accused on such examination, order an information to be filed against him, upon which proceedings shall be had as in other cases within his jurisdiction to try and determine.

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CHAPTER 51.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BREMER COUNTY.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 167 of the laws of the 51st General Assembly.

Washington substituted for Jackson Tp. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That Chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the laws enacted by the Sixty General Assembly of the State of Iowa, be amended, and the same is hereby so amended as to read and mean Washington township instead of Jackson township, and that all the privileges intended to be conferred upon the electors of Jackson township by the Act to which this is an endentory, are hereby conferred upon the electors of Washington township. *Provided,* That the Justice, when elected, shall hold his office in Waverly, as therein provided.

SEC. 2. This act to take effect and be in force from